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Tribute to Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Welcoming Security Council resolution 1715 (2006) of 9 October 2006,

Recalling its resolution 61/3 of 13 October 2006 appointing the Secretary-General,

Acknowledging with deep gratitude the indefatigable efforts and dedicated service provided to the Organization during the past 10 years by Secretary-General Kofi Annan,

Recognizing the high professional and personal qualities he brought to the performance of his duties and responsibilities,

Placing on special record his many bold initiatives — political, diplomatic and organizational — and his important achievements, in particular with respect to the Millennium Development Goals, peace and security issues, environmental issues and United Nations reform,

1. *Pays warm tribute* to Secretary-General Kofi Annan for his exceptional contribution to international peace and security, as well as his outstanding efforts to strengthen the United Nations system and to promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, in the interest of a better world;

2. *Expresses its deep gratitude* to Secretary-General Kofi Annan for having undertaken reforms and advanced numerous proposals with a view to enhancing the Organization's capacity to meet the major challenges of our time.

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